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**BOND ISSUE MEANS PAVING
WITHOUT DELAY.**

The idea of paving the city by
means of a bond issue shared by
the entire people is gaining ground.
It is argued paving is imperative and
a bond issue offers the only immediate
method of placing streets in the busi-
ness section in decent condition.

Every man, woman and child will
be benefitted, even though called upon
to share a portion of the burden.
Most of the people earn a livelihood
in the section to be paved, and the
large property owners, who for the
most part have their holdings down-
town, will in any event shoulder the
greater part of the tax. The question
of convenience also deserves consider-
ation. During the days preceding
Christmas it is safe to say nineteen-
tenths of the people suffered a direct in-
convenience because of the fearfully
muddy condition of the principal
streets.

Chaparral, Mesquite and Water
streets demand immediate attention,
along with their intersections. And
it has been suggested, in order to
serve a nucleus for future extensions,
and to provide for residents not liv-
ing in the section, that provision be made
for streets north, south and west,
through the residential sections, to
serve as avenues of approach to the
heart of town. Should this idea be
incorporated in the election for a
bond issue, the direct benefit will be
shared in large measure by every citizen.

While it sounds more equitable on
the face of it, the plan to assess the
individual property owner for paving
adjacent to his or her property meets
with serious objections. In the first
place, the city charter provides for
no method of enforcing the payment
of any assessment levied. In the sec-
ond, endless disputes and differences
of opinion made more complex by the
State homestead law, will serve to re-
tard the work.

It is patent that the city needs
pavements and needs them now. Every
hotel and business enterprise is
suffering from the intolerable condi-
tion of our streets, and as the pros-
perity of a city is directly centered
in its commercial district, it appears
only delay, even at the hazard of reach-
ing a more equitable basis of operation,
will be more expensive in the long
run than twice the tax that must be
imposed to provide for the bond issue
contemplated.

As a tourist center, Corpus Christi
demands thoroughfares not discred-
ited by any in the state. The proper
amount of discussion has been indulged
in. Who will start the work by
getting up a petition signed by so
many property owners that its mes-
sage cannot be ignored?

We now do New Year shopping to
some for the presents received from
those we failed to remember.

Dr. Cline is about telling his friends
"I told you so." And this time the
laugh is with the Doctor.

Again the plump turkeys trans-
fer.

ALAMO SAVED AGAIN.

In averting the third battle of the
Alamo, Governor Colquitt proved him-
self a tactician of marked social ability.
The governor's presence of mind and
generosity were called into play
yesterday in San Antonio, where
factions, led by ladies of marked
courage and persistence, sought to
take a gentle but firm hand in planning
the restoration of the venerable
Texas monument.

The first battle of the Alamo, more
sanguine than far-augured Thermopylae,
is a master of history, constituting an
imperishable record of the Texas
pioneer who went to his death with
the conviction that he died in a sacred
cause.

The second battle, fought but a few
years ago, was less sanguine than its
predecessor, though no less bitterly
waged along social lines. Ladies lead-
ing the opposing forces, both of which
were actuated by patriotic motives,
vied on many an adroitly planned
maneuver up to the day the State took
over the Alamo to preserve it for all
time.

But the fires of strife smoldered

through the intervening months, and
when Governor Colquitt made the
trip to San Antonio for the purpose of
trying to discover what portion of
the present edifice was Alamo and

what was not, he found himself facing
the most tense situation of his admin-
istrative career.

With firmness that did him singular
credit as the State's chief executive,
and kindness that robed his message
of sting, Governor Colquitt addressed

the crowd present and set the elected
factions at ease. As a result, the
State will restore the Alamo from the
most accurate data obtainable, and it
will be lifted from the social and pol-
itical arena as a reminder of the
veneration in which Texas holds its
departed heroes.

Houston Chronicle.

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